



Animals in Disaster

VDEM Coordinator's
Briefing
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“ We recognize that pets and larger animals are also victims of emergencies and disasters and that a high degree of loyalty exists between citizens and their animals.”





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- Appoint a Representative to the EOC for animal related issues
- Make sure they are creative!



Animals in Disaster - Planning

- Identification of sites for animal sheltering
 - Securable
 - Water
 - Kennels and Boarding Facilities
 - Can use the same shelter as people shelter
- Identification of resources to run the shelter
 - Pound personnel, not the animal catchers
 - Volunteers from the people shelter
 - Volunteer groups, rescue leagues
 - Veterinarians



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- Identification of Resources

- Food
- Supplies
- Medications
- Medical (Vets)
- Local and non-local resources

- Stockpile Supplies

- Leashes
- Collars
- Cages/carriers
- Op shop, dollar stores
good resource



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- Identify Shelter Operations
- Identify Position Descriptions
 - EOC and in Animal Shelter
- Create Shelter Forms



Animals in Disaster - Livestock

- Cows and Horses
 - Identify farms with extra pastures
 - Identify farms with horse and cattle trailers
- Exotic animals (snakes, lizards) and wildlife





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Work with Solid Waste to
determine the process for disposal
of dead animals and livestock